

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16, wherein the wall thickness of ~~[[the]]~~ each housing varies continuously between a maximum wall thickness (W_1) and a minimum wall thickness (W_2).
3. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ each housing is embodied symmetrically.
4. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16, wherein ~~[[he]]~~ each housing (1) comprises a reduced wall thickness in two regions facing one another.
5. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim 3, wherein ~~[[he]]~~ each housing (1) comprises a reduced wall thickness in two regions facing one another.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ each housing comprises four regions (5, 6, 7, 8) of reduced wall thickness, and wherein two regions of reduced wall thickness each face one another.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim 3, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ each housing comprises four regions (5, 6, 7, 8) of reduced wall thickness, and wherein two regions of reduced wall thickness each face one another.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~housing~~ magnet array in accordance with claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ each housing is embodied as essentially cup-shaped.

Claims 9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The magnet array of claim ~~[[9]]~~ 16, wherein the housings (1) are disposed such that the magnet array (4) has an essentially rectangular outer circumference.

Claims 13-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A magnet array, comprising a plurality of magnet valve housings, in which the housings are disposed such that adjacent housings are in contact with one another, each housing comprising a hollow-body-like shape defined by a generally tubular sidewall having regions of

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different wall thickness extending axially of the housing and wherein each housing comprises at least two regions of reduced wall thickness, and the housings are disposed to make up a magnet array in such a way that each housing is in contact with at least two housings in regions of reduced wall thickness.